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Judy T. Finley was appointed Quality Management Officer (QMO) for VISN 17 in April, 2008. In this role, she is responsible for oversight of the Quality Management Systems Program for the four health care systems that comprise VISN 17. Quality Management Systems include Quality of Care, Utilization Management, Risk Management, Systems Redesign, Data Management and Performance Measures/Improvements. In January 2010, she served a six month detail to the Office of Quality and Safety in VA Central Office in Washington, DC, as the Project Manager of the Quality Transparency, T21 Initiative.

Prior to her appointment as VISN 17 QMO, Ms. Finley served as Project Manager for the Executive Order Quality Transparency Project, which was a collaborative effort between the Office of Quality and Performance (OQP), VISN 16, and the Department of Defense. Ms. Finley also served as the VISN 9 DSS Clinical Data Analyst for 13 years and in Quality Management at the Memphis VA Medical Center for 10 years. Ms. Finley served as Acting Chief Financial Officer at the Memphis VA Medical Center in 2005. In addition, she is a graduate of the Health Care Leadership Institute (HCLI), and Executive Career Field Candidate Development Program (ECFCDP). She currently serves as a certified Mentor to various VISN 17 LDI candidates.

Before joining the Department of Veterans Affairs in July 1985, Ms. Finley was the DRG Coordinator and Medicare Skilled Care Specialist at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Prior to this role, Ms. Finley worked as the Staff Development and Infection Control Nurse at the 600 bed Shelby County Health Care Center, in Memphis, Tennessee.

A native of Clinton, Mississippi, Ms. Finley holds an Associate Degree in Nursing from Hinds Jr. College, Raymond Mississippi, a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing, from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and a Masters of Business Administration degree from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. Ms. Finley is also a Certified Professional in Health Care Quality (CPHQ).